in vain) by ſome of the greateſt Men in matters of Literature, as *Geſner*, *Nicholas Heinſius*, *Monſieur Bigot*, *Monſieur Godin*, Dr. *Francis Bernard*, and others; ſo that a ſingle Copy of them has been ſold for an 100 *l. ſterling*: Yet we muſt ingeniouſly confeſs, that we are ignorant of the time in which the Author of theſe *Commentaries* flouriſhed; tho' tis probable he is much more ancient then 4 or 500 Years (in which the Excellent Mr. *Grevius* thinks fit to place him) from the manner of his Style, which ſeems to be above the common Vein of the Cloyſter, or the Genius of that Age. Some paſſages there are in him, which might be added by Readers or Copiſts, who frequently uſed to interpolate and corrupt the pureſt and the beſt Authors; but ſuch are eaſily diſcernible to a Critical Eye, which knows how to diſtinguiſh the ſeveral Pencils that have touched the ſame piece.

The Firſt Edition of this Book was in 1473. but by what fate I know not, it ſoon vaniſhed, and became unknown, and even loſt to the moſt induſtrious ſearches, till *Voſſius* in his *Inſtit Orator.* and *De Hiſtor. Lat.* was pleaſed to illuſtrate the Hiſtory of it, and to ſet it in its true light; which gave a freſh edge to ſeveral great Men, to ſhew the paſſion they had of ſeeing it, but to no purpoſe, till the diffuſive Generoſity of *M. Grevius* brought it forth in a better form, to which in this *Lond. Edit.* there are added an *Index*, and the *Teſtimonies* of Famous Men concerning *Julius Celſus* and theſe *Commentaries*.

ERRATA.

No 217. Page 111. Line 14. *for it is* ——, read *it is the half of.*
No 221. Page 296. Line 17. *for laſcivæ* read *laſcivia.*

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